

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 568 - HB 1148**

March 24, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs that if a law enforcement agency is going to provide school policing services for a local education agency (LEA), a written memorandum of understanding (MOU) must be signed between the law enforcement agency and the local education agency (LEA). The MOU shall contain employment standards, hours of training, hours of work, and school assignments. Requires teachers and other staff to be annually notified of emergency procedures and the proper use of school resource officers. Requires school resource officers that are assigned to an alternative school to be full-time placements.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$200,000\***

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Education's (DOE) annual Alternative Education Report, 82 out of 215 alternative schools have a school resource officer.
- Based on a survey done by the Department, DOE estimates that nine percent of the 82 officers (approximately 7 officers) assigned to an alternative school are part-time assignments. It is assumed that the part-time officers work fifty percent at the alternative school and fifty percent in other duties. Local governments will need to increase expenditures to fund approximately four additional officers (7/2).
- DOE estimates a cost of \$50,000 per full-time officer. Local governments will increase expenditures \$200,000 (\$50,000 x 4 officers).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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